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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 2002

Sir:

This paper is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated 25 September 2002 (the Action). Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please delete Claims 2 and 6.

Please amend the following claims to the form set forth below; changes to the claims are indicated in the attached appendix entitled "Version with Markings to Indicate Changes."

Claim 1. (amended) Seamed felt for use in a paper machine, with a textile backing element (20, 60, 100) that comprises threads oriented transversely (30) and longitudinally (40) with respect to the direction of transport of the paper machine, and onto which fibres (90) are needled to form a felt structure, characterized in that at least some of the transverse threads (30) exhibit a twisted structure (10) that is substantially circular in cross-section and that comprises at least three monofilaments twisted together.